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ALL THAT WILL BE PROVED...

... IS HOW WELL YOUR FAT CARCASS WILL SERVE THE VULTURES!

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IT BEGINS ON A CORRUPT PLANET WHERE EVIL RUNS RAMPANT... WHERE THE SUN HAS NEVER PIERCED THE SMOKE-CLOUDED SKIES... WHERE THERE IS ONLY ONE RULER...

AND HIS RULE IS ABSOLUTE!

HA! I WILL INSCRIBE YOUR NAME 'NEATH THOSE OF MY OTHER ADVERSARIES --

IN THE BOOK OF THE DEAD!

AS THE WARRIOR SAVORS HIS IMPENDING VICTORY, HIS THOUGHTS TURN TO THE GIFT HIS RULER WILL SOON BESTOW UPON HIM. THE GIFT OF--

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HE RULES WITHOUT COMPASSION... WITHOUT MERCY... WITHOUT EVEN AN INKLING OF WHAT WE MORTALS CALL HUMANITY...

HE IS *BEATEN*, MY LEADER! BUT HIS LIFE IS IN *YOUR HANDS!* SHALL I *SPARE* HIM?

YOU *KNOW* MY VERDICT! *SEAL* HIS FATE!

AND *SHARE* HIS FATE AS WELL!

IT SHALL BE YOUR *FINAL LESSON!* LOOK TO *NO ONE* FOR GUIDANCE... AND SPARE *NO ONE* IN YOUR CAUSE! WHEN IN DOUBT, *KILL*... OR *BE KILLED!*

OUT OF HUNDREDS OF TRAINED WARRIORS... YOU FOUR HAVE SURVIVED EVERY *DEATH DUEL!*

YOU--MY *CHAMPIONS*--HAVE PASSED EVERY TEST OF STRENGTH, CUNNING AND ENDURANCE!

THE ACADEMY HAS TRAINED YOU *WELL!* HERE, THEN, IS YOUR *REWARD!*

I AM EMBODYING YOU WITH...BUT A *FRACTION* OF MY OWN *POWER!* HENCEFORTH YOU WILL BE MORE THAN SKILLED *SOLDIERS!* YOU WILL BECOME--

--*THE EMISSARIES OF DOOM!*

THE TASK FALLS TO *YOU,* THEN, TO GO THE PLANET *EARTH*... AND TEST YOURSELVES AGAINST ITS *SUPER HEROES!*

YOU MUST DIVERT THEM... MISLEAD THEM... MISDIRECT THEM ON THE ONE HAND... WHILE I ON THE OTHER... READY MY *SHOCK TROOPS* TO *COMMANDEER* THEIR WORLD!

YOUR MISSION BEGINS... *NOW!* YOU WILL SERVE ME BY SUCCEEDING... OR *DYING!*

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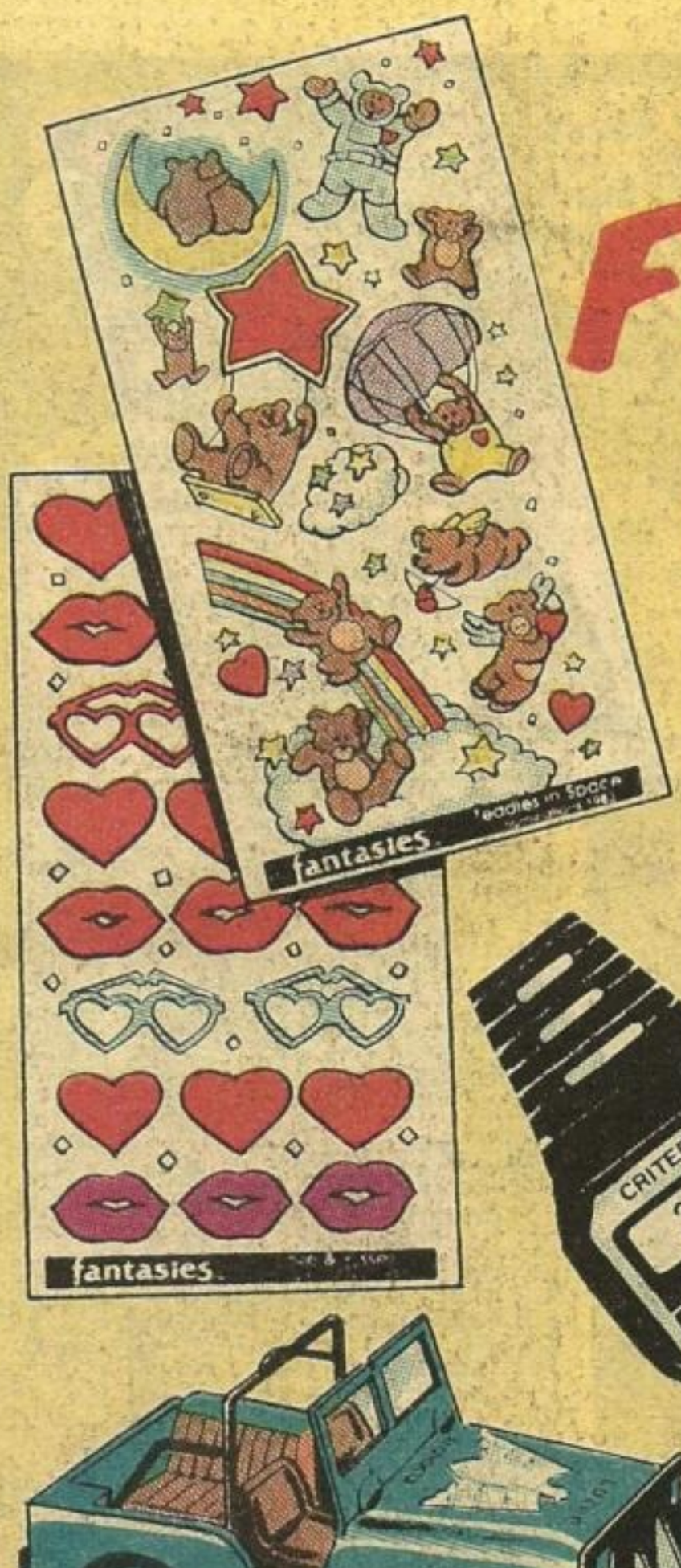

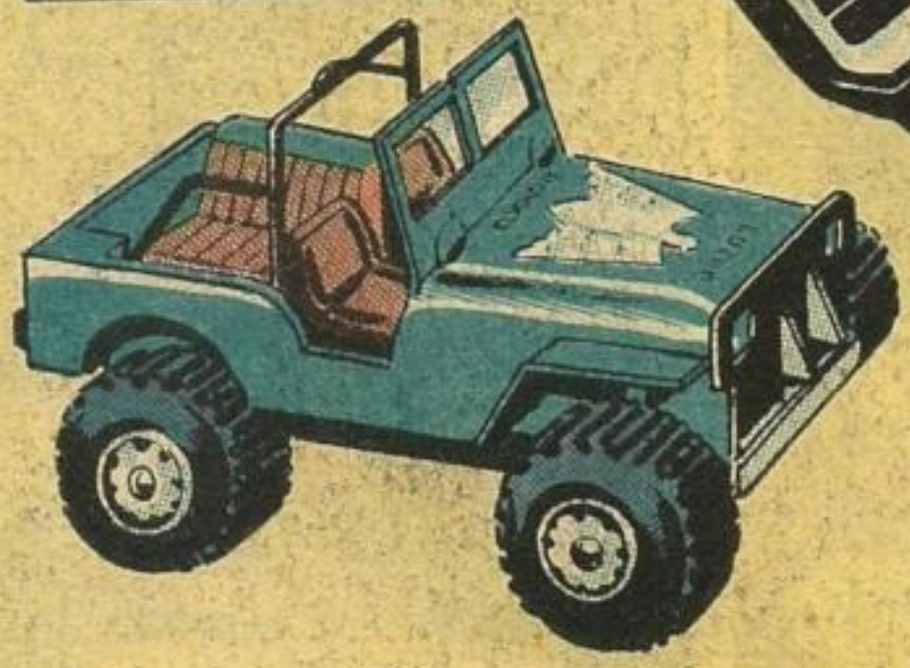

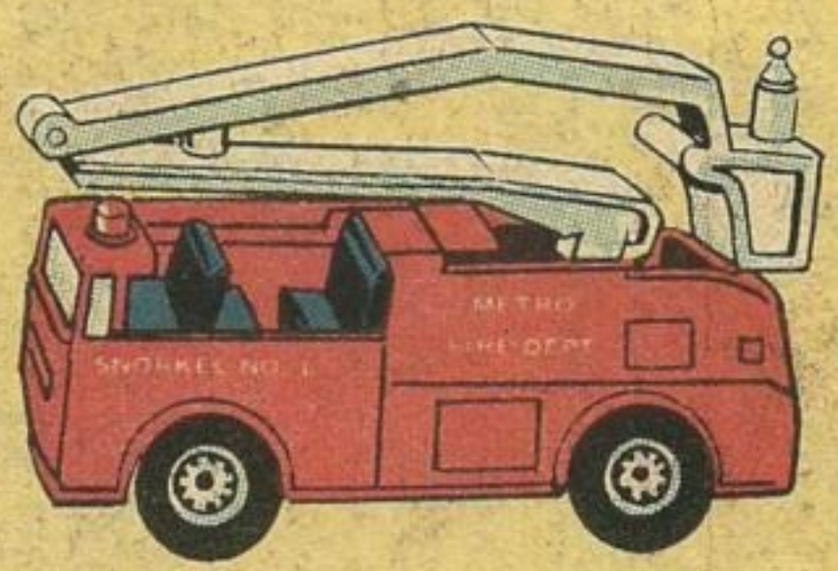

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IF OUR LEADER WANTS *CUNNING*, HE WILL GET *CUNNING!*

WHAT BETTER WAY TO CAUSE *CHAOS* ALL OVER PLANET *EARTH*... THAN TO ENLIST THEIR *SUPER-VILLAINS* IN OUR CAUSE! FULFILLING THEIR MOST GRANDIOSE DREAMS OF POWER WILL BRING THEM TO *US!*

BOOOOM

OUR WARRIORS, GOOD AS THEY ARE, ARE STILL RATIONAL FIGHTERS WHO KNOW WHEN TO *QUIT!*

BUT THE *SUPER-VILLAINS*, BLINDED BY HATRED, CRAZED AND IRRATIONAL, WILL NEVER ADMIT DEFEAT. THEY WILL TWIST AND BEND OUR OWN PLANS FOR EARTH INTO SOMETHING *THOUSANDS* OF TIMES WORSE!

AHH! *THERE* IS ONE NOW! THE ONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF...

...*LEX LUTHOR!*

WHEREVER I GO, MY MEMORIES *COMPEL* ME!

I'LL GO *MAD* IF I DON'T PUT THEM BEHIND ME... BUT I *CAN'T! I CAN'T!*

MY WIFE... MY SON... AN ENTIRE RACE THAT LOOKED TO ME FOR GUIDANCE... FOR LEADERSHIP... *GONE*-- *ALL* OF THEM!

DESTROYED... AN ENTIRE *PLANET*-- DURING MY SHOWDOWN WITH *SUPERMAN!*

I KNEW *PEACE* AND *CONTENTMENT* ON THAT WORLD... AND *SUPERMAN* TORE IT FROM MY GRASP! HE SHATTERED MY LIFE BEYOND REPAIR--

--AND SOMEDAY I'LL DO THE SAME TO *HIM!!*

GOOD! I CAN READ HIS THOUGHTS! HE *DOES* HARBOR TREMENDOUS *HATE* FOR SUPERMAN! HE WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN MY MASTER'S PLAN!

STILL, I WISH TO *TEST* HIM!

I WILL FORCE HIM TO UNDERGO THE TRIAL OF THE *LEECHSPORES*, THE SCOURGE OF EVERY SPACEFARER! WILL HE SURVIVE TO TAKE PART IN MY MASTER'S GRAND DESIGN?

I THOUGHT I'D FACED *EVERY* HAZARD OF SPACE! WHAT--WHAT KIND OF CREATURES *ARE* THESE??

THEY'RE--THEY'RE *PARASITES!* IF THEY BORE THROUGH MY SUIT, THEY'LL USE MY BODY--AS A *NEST!*

NO! *NO!!* IF THEY CRACK OPEN MY VISOR IN SPACE... I'M *DONE FOR!*

KKKKKKKKKK

BLACKING OUT! JUST ENOUGH TIME... TO ACTIVATE *DEFENSE* MECHANISM CONTROL... IN MY PALM...

...AND SEND *ELECTRICAL ENERGY* COURSING THROUGH MY *WAR SUIT!*

ENOUGH TO *KILL THEM ALL!*

ZZZZZ

ZZZZZ

SUDDENLY...

FREE... BUT THE DAMAGE TO MY WAR SUIT IS *TOO GREAT!* WILL I BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO EARTH... TO REPAIR IT... IN *TIME?*

I'M *CAUGHT*... IN SOME UNBELIEVABLE *VORTEX!* WHAT-- WHAT *IS* THIS?

BOOM!

FEAR NOT!

YOUR ESCAPE FROM THE *LEECHSPORES* WAS WELL DONE! YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF FORMIDABLE...

YOU ARE A WORTHY FOE FOR SUPERMAN INDEED!

RETURN WITH ME NOW TO YOUR *NATIVE PLANET*... AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE MEANS TO *VANQUISH* HIM... ONCE AND FOR ALL!

YOU WANT TO SEE SUPERMAN DEAD AS WELL? WHAT DO *YOU* CARE? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT'S HE DONE TO YOU?

YOUR QUESTIONS ARE UNIMPORTANT... AND SHOW A LACK OF *FAITH!* REMEMBER THAT I AM YOUR *SAVIOR. TRUST* IN ME, AND I WILL GIVE YOU *POWER* BEYOND *IMAGINING!*

YOU HAVE BUT TO GIVE ME YOUR HAND!

WHA-KOOM!!

CAN YOU FEEL IT? CAN YOU FEEL YOUR NEW POWER SURGING THROUGH EVERY FIBRE OF YOUR BEING?

YES! *YES!* IT -- IT'S GRANDER THAN I COULD EVER ENVISION!

THEN... SEEK OUT YOUR FOE... AND *DESTROY HIM!*

I HAVE DONE WELL! HE *TRUSTS* ME, AND IS *DEPENDENT* UPON ME... AS MUCH AS A MAN LIKE THAT WILL *ALLOW* HIMSELF TO BE!

HE WILL SERVE MY MASTER WELL!

YES! YES! I SEE MY OLD ENEMY NOW! THIS WILL BE... OUR FINAL SHOWDOWN!"

SUPERMAN VS. THE FLASH
ANNUAL RACE FOR CHARITY

BANG!

GO SUPERMAN! YOU'RE THE GREATEST!

FLASH'LL BEAT HIM! THEY DON'T CALL HIM THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE FOR NOTHING!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF SUPPORT, FLASH! MAYBE THIS YEAR I'LL LET YOU WIN!

THE ONLY OUTCOME THAT'S IMPORTANT IS HOW MUCH WE RAISE FOR CHARITY!

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING FUNNY?

I KNOW EVERYTHING IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE A BLUR AT THIS SPEED BUT--

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER... I'D SWEAR EVERYTHING WAS MOVING FASTER THAN WE ARE!

W7SRNGNTTHM??

THAT'S BECAUSE... EVERYONE IS MOVING FASTER THAN WE ARE!

PIZZA

STOP--AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

GREAT SCOTT! YOU'RE RIGHT!

ARTHYSIRSMTING?

ATLST! IHVYUWHR-IWNTYU!!*

*TRANSLATION! "AT LAST I HAVE WHERE I WANT YOU!"

WHTBTRDMNRNFYNWPWR --TMDSTN!*

CNWRPSNFTMS EVRYMFSSRNYUDO!**

*"WHAT BETTER DEMONSTRATION OF MY NEW POWER-- TIME DISTORTION!

**"I CAN WARP YOUR SENSE OF TIME SO THAT EVERYTHING MOVES FASTER THAN YOU DO!

AND THAT SHOULD SLOW YOU BOTH DOWN LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET A FIX ON YOU...

...SO I CAN DO THIS!!

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BUT OUR ORDERS ARE TO DELIVER YOU TO THE PRISON HELIPORT, AND THAT'S JUST WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

I RATHER THINK THE: ANTITHESIS, YOU SURLY, SURROGATE SCREW!

SURE... YOU FRISKED *ME*... BUT OF COURSE, YOU WOULD NEVER SEARCH YOUR *OWN* CRAFT...

...WHEREIN MY CONFEDERATES SMUGGLED AND HID THIS *GAS UMBRELLA*...

... *AND* THE MEANS TO MANIFEST MY *MIGRATION*--

--THAT IS TO SAY, MY *PARACHUTE PARASOL!*

ADIEU! FAREWELL! SAYONARA!

GET *STUFFED!*

OH *NO!* YET *ANOTHER* CHEAP, AMERICAN-MADE PRODUCT!

I'VE MISCALCULATED THE *WIND SPEED*, SO IT SEEMS! I'LL BE DOWNED IN THE *DRINK*!

BOOOOOOM

G-GLORYOSKY!

STAY YOUR *FRIGHT*! YOU ARE *NOT ALONE*!

I HAVE BEEN *WATCHING* YOU... WAITING TO *REWARD* *YOUR CUNNING*... YOUR *DEVIOUSNESS*... YOUR EVIL GIFT FOR *INVENTION*!

WHOOOOM!

CLASP MY HAND... AND YOU WILL KNOW POWER ENOUGH TO REALIZE YOUR GRANDEST DESIRES!

WHA-KOOOM!

THIS IS *INCREDIBLE*! THIS IS *REAL POWER*!

AND I KNOW *EXACTLY* *HOW TO USE IT*!

LATER, NOT FAR OFF, AQUAMAN CUTS THROUGH THE OCEAN CURRENTS...

THIS DOLPHIN IS SPEAKING TO ME TELEPATHICALLY... BUT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE WHAT HE'S TELLING ME!

YET... IT'S *TRUE!*

BIRDS! THE SKY IS *THICK* WITH THEM! THERE MUST BE *THOUSANDS!* THEY'RE BEHAVING AS IF *POSSESSED!* BUT... *WHY?*

THERE'S MY ANSWER! THE *PENGUIN!* *HE* MUST BE CONTROLLING THEM!

FLY, *FLY,* MY FEATHERED FRIENDS! THE WORLD IS *OURS!*

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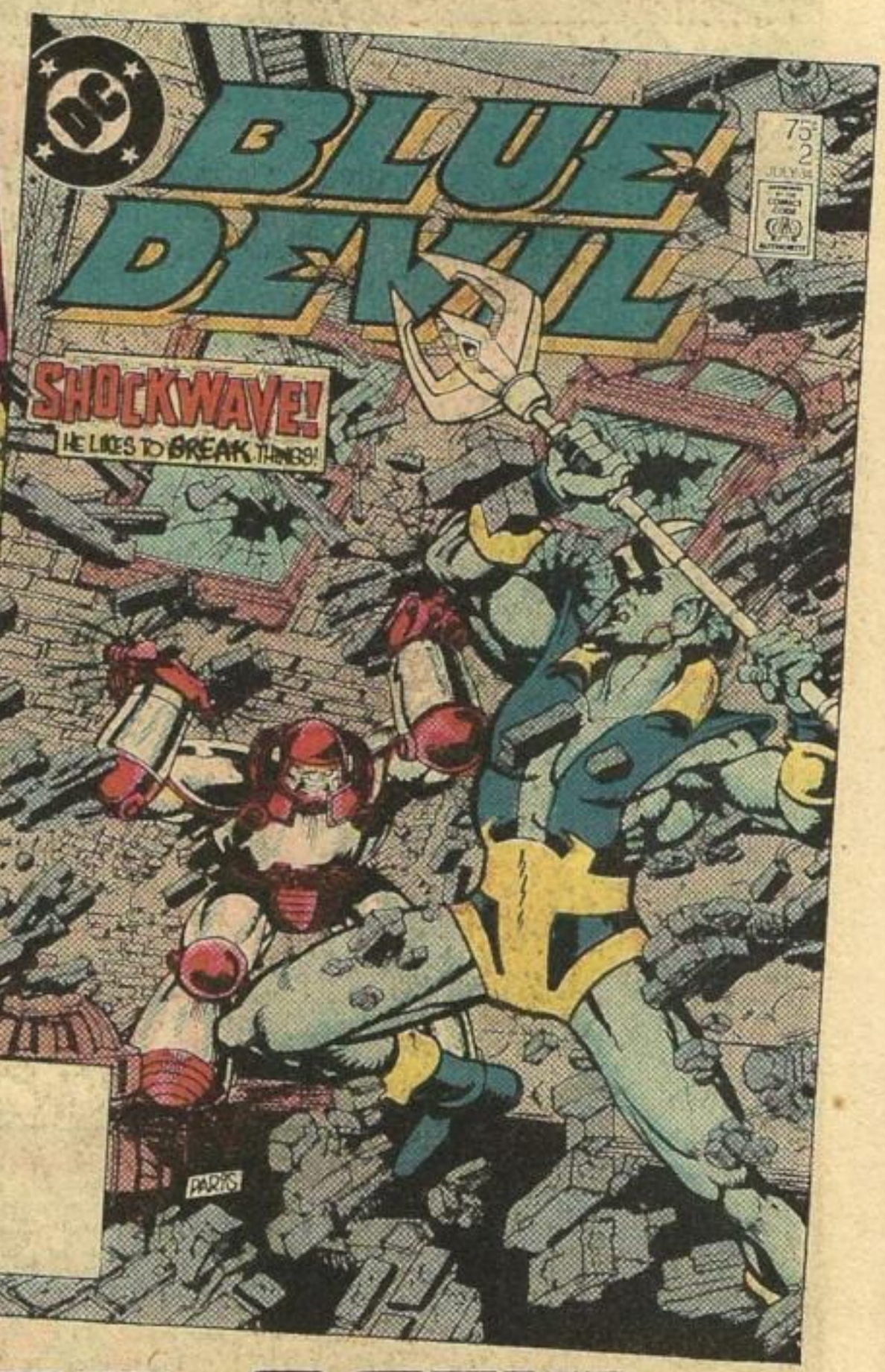

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THIS IS HITCHCOCK... TO THE TENTH POWER! THE SKY'S FULL OF THOSE BIRDS!...

LUCKY FOR ME I KEEP MY POWER BATTERY STORED NEARBY, BECAUSE--

--ONLY GREEN LANTERN CAN HANDLE THIS!

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT. LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER, GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!

UNCANNY! IT'S NOT JUST HAPPENING HERE... IT'S EVERYWHERE! THERE'S A BLANKET OF BIRDS OVER EVERY MAJOR CITY... MAKING AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION IMPOSSIBLE!

I'LL COMMAND MY RING TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF THIS MADNESS!

THE RING INSTANTLY TRANSPORTS GREEN LANTERN ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO FACE--

THE PENGUIN! OF COURSE! THIS BIRD MENACE PERFECTLY FITS HIS METHOD OF OPERATION!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE, GULLIBLE GUARDIAN!

MY NEW POWER GIVES ME MENTAL CONTROL OVER ANYONE'S WILL! AQUAMAN CAN NO LONGER CONTROL HIS DENIZENS OF THE DEEP!

AND I'VE WARPED YOUR WILL POWER! YOUR ROTTEN RING IS USELESS! HA HA HA HA!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN FARTHEST SPACE...

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL: NINE SECONDS! BRAINIAC WILL ONCE AGAIN BE A PIONEER...

... THIS TIME... IN COLLAPSAR RESEARCH!

I WILL BE THE FIRST TO PILOT THROUGH... A BLACK HOLE!

ANALYSIS: MY CRAFT IS CAUGHT IN THE PULL OF THE BLACK HOLE!

CHANCE OF EVASIVE MANEUVER: NIL! PROJECTION: I WILL SOON BE PULLED INTO... ANOTHER UNIVERSE, NEVERMORE TO REJOIN THIS ONE!

ASSESSMENT: FOR THE KNOWLEDGE I WILL GAIN... IT WILL BE WELL WORTH IT!

SUDDENLY...

BOOOM

ANALYSIS: INTRUDER! HE MUST BE... ELIMINATED!

YOUR ANALYSIS IS FAULTY! I AM NO MERE INTRUDER! WE CAN ASSIST EACH OTHER... IF IT IS RESEARCH YOU THIRST FOR!

OF WHAT POSSIBLE USE CAN YOU BE... TO BRAINIAC?

HMMMMM MMMMM

WHY DO YOU SEEK ANOTHER UNIVERSE... WHEN I CAN GRANT YOU THIS ONE... AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE LABORATORY! BEHOLD!

YOU ARE SEEING A COMPUTER PROJECTION... WHICH I AM CREATING WITH POWERS OF MY OWN!

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THINK OF THE DOORS THIS WOULD OPEN... THE CHANCES FOR RESEARCH IT WOULD CREATE!

IF YOU WOULD *TAKE* THIS POWER... *GIVE ME YOUR HAND!*

KKAAZOWWW!

ZZAKK

COME! AWAY FROM THIS PLACE! LET ME RETURN YOU...TO *EARTH!* ALL OF THAT WORLD'S RESOURCES... ARE *YOURS* TO COMMAND!

AFFIRMATIVE! NOTHING MUST STAND...IN THE WAY OF *SCIENCE!*

SIMULTANEOUSLY, AT THE ARKHAM HOME FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE...

LET ME *OUT* OF HERE! I CAN'T *TAKE* IT ANYMORE!

ARKHAM HOME FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE

THIS IS *MADNESS!* I'VE HAD ENOUGH! *PLEASE!* I CAN'T GO *ON* WITH THIS!

NONSENSE! YOU'RE DOING *JUST FINE!*

NOW...WHEN EXACTLY DID YOU FIRST START FEELING THIS HOSTILITY TOWARD THE BATMAN?

WELL, IT ALL STARTED WHEN I WAS JUST...

YEAGGH! YOU DID IT TO ME AGAIN! I STARTED ANSWERING YOUR FURSHLUGGINER *QUESTIONS!*

FOR CRYIN' OUT *LOUD*... THIS IS *TORTURE!*

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FEELINGS! YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO CO-OP...

THAT SOUND! IT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE -- IT'S DEAFENING!

BOOM

HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH OF THIS HUMILIATION?

BOOOOOOOM!

HAVE I? THAT WOMAN'S HAD ME ON THE COUCH FOR A YEAR NOW!

WHAT'S WORSE, IT'S WORKING! THAT WOMAN IS GOING TO DRIVE ME SANE!

I EVEN MISSED HER WHEN SHE TOOK OFF TWO WEEKS IN AUGUST!

HEY! YOU FROZE HER!

ALWAYS DID WONDER WHAT THEY WROTE ON THOSE NOTEPADS! LOOKITY! SHE'S BEEN DOODLING!

I'VE FROZEN EVERYONE IN TIME... EXCEPT FOR US... TO EXTEND AN OFFER...

SHE'S NOT EVEN BLINKING! HOW'D YOU MANAGE THIS?

...AND WITH IT... A CHANCE TO END YOUR DEGRADATION ...AND BEGIN A NEW LIFE... WITH A NEW POWER! ARE YOU WILLING TO CHANCE IT?

SOUNDS ON THE UP AND UP TO ME! PUT 'ER THERE, WHATEVER YOU ARE!

WHAAA

KOOOOOM

GOT ME WITH THE OL' JOY BUZZER GAG, HE DID!

SHORTLY, ELSEWHERE...

FASTER, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE FLIES OFF!

DISCO

RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN, CORNBALLS--

-- BUT YOU'LL NEVER CATCH UP TO--

--ME-- THE RETROROCKET!

THAT WENT NIIICE AND SMOOTH! NOW, I'LL TURN THESE DEFENSE PLANS TO CASH, AND I'LL BE ON WAY TO FAME, FORTUNE AND--

--F-FEATHERS?

G-GOOD GRIEF! IT'S HAWKMAN!

I LIKED YOUR LIFT-OFF, FELLA...

...BUT I'LL GET A BIGGER CHARGE...

...SEEING YOUR RE-ENTRY!

LOOKS LIKE THE RETROROCKET SHOULD HAVE COME UP WITH SOMETHING MORE DOWN TO EARTH, EH, BATMAN?

THANKS, HAWKMAN! FOR A MOMENT THERE, WE THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO GET--

-AWAY--

THEY LEFT BEFORE WE COULD THANK THEM!

IF FACT, THEY JUST LEFT!

POP

POP

POP

YAAAAAAHH! HELLLP!

ONE MINUTE, WE WERE WATCHING THE *RETROROCKET* SPUTTER OUT-- THE NEXT... WE'RE *HERE!*

WHAT KINDA PLACE *IS* THIS?

IT'S... *MY* KINDA PLACE!

IT'S NOT MUCH... BUT IT'S ALL I COULD COOK UP ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!

HOT DOG

HOT DOG

BUT THEN... YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY... HOME IS WHERE YOU HANG YOUR HAT!

NOT FUNNY, JOKER! YOU'RE GOING BACK TO ARKHAM ASYLUM ... WHERE YOU BELONG!

BUT *THIS* IS WHERE I BELONG, CAPED CRUSTACEAN! MY OWN PRIVAVE *PSYCHOACTIVE DIMENSION* WHERE EVERY-THING I SAY... *GOES...*

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GOES CRAZY, HE MEANS! OUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS HERE!

IS THAT ANY REASON TO STAND AND SULK? CHEER UP! SMILE!

AND HOLD THAT POSE!

GOING DOWWWWWWN!!!

WE'RE FALLING! IT LOOKS LIKE FOREVER TO THE BOTTOM!

AIN'T IT THE PITS? THE BOTTOMLESS PITS, THAT IS! HAHAHAHA!

THERE'S NOTHING TO GRAB ONTO! NOT EVEN A SHEER WALL!

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MEANWHILE...

I don't know how warm it is where you are today, but the good ol' summertime comes early this year for comics. Comic conventions usually don't start till late June with the really important ones usually slated for July to mid-August. This year they've been moved up so that, for example, the San Diego convention will take place the last weekend in June, and Chicago the first weekend in July. Others are slated from late August on. Why? The Olympics, of course. We're starting our summer early, too—but for a different reason. Summer is the traditional time for publishing Annuals, and in the past we've pretty much honored that tradition, but our schedule for Annuals in 1984 has been expanded (14 Annuals; count 'em, 14). We have two movie specials we're sure you'd like to read and a 48-page **SWORD OF THE ATOM SPECIAL** to round out the list. So much to do—so we're starting earlier this year. Matter of fact, if all went according to plan, the aforementioned **SWORD OF THE ATOM SPECIAL** was released sometime in early April, and the **TEEN TITANS ANNUAL** (#3) should be out right now (on sale April 26th).

A quick look at the following list of annuals and specials will give you a bit of time to plan your summer comics buying. Have fun... and have a good summer.

FIRESTORM ANNUAL
#2 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in U.S.A.
Gerry Conway—Writer
Rafael Kayanan—Penciller
Rodin Rodriguez—Inker
Triumph of the 2000 Committee—fate of Firehawk's father, Senator Walter Reilly—and the showdown game between Bradley High and Molloy.
On sale August 23

ALL-STAR SQUADRON ANNUAL
#3 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in U.S.A.
Roy Thomas—Writer
Giordano/Hoberg/Pérez/Nodell/Buckler/Infantino/Boring/Newton/Howell—Artists
The Justice Society vs. the menace that time forgot.
On sale June 14th

ARAK ANNUAL
#1 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Roy Thomas—Writer
Randall/Gonzales/Colón/Alcala/Forton—Artists
Battle to the death with the Serpent Lord.
On sale July 12th

SGT. ROCK ANNUAL
#4 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Cover—J. Kubert
Title—*A Candle in the Wind*
Writer—Kanigher
Artist—Redondo
Sgt. Rock confronts the Iron Major.
On sale May 17th

WARLORD ANNUAL
#3 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Cover—Jurgens/DeCarlo
Title—*Full Circle*
Writer—C. Burkett
Pencils—D. Jurgens
Inks—M. DeCarlo
Morgan is thrown back in time to ancient Atlantis. Events taking place in this issue bring this titanic 12-part series to an exciting conclusion.
On sale June 28th

TEEN TITANS ANNUAL
#3 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Cover—G. Pérez (Painting)
Title—*Finale*
Writer—M. Wolfman
Pencils—Pérez
Inks—Giordano/DeCarlo
Last chapter of the Terra/Terminator story. Brings to a conclusion the story line started 2 years ago.
On sale April 26th

OMEGA MEN ANNUAL
#1 1984 48 Pages Deluxe format
$2.00 in the U.S.A.
Cover—Smith/Tanghal
Title—*The Fight for Harpis' Wings*
Writer—D. Moench
Pencils—T. Smith
Inks—R. Tanghal
Harpis wins back her wings.
On sale August 23rd

AMETHYST ANNUAL
#1 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Cover—E. Colón
Writers—Mishkin/Cohn
Layouts—Ric Estrada
Finishes—E. Colón
Amy unleashes a terrible danger into the Gemworld and Amethyst must come to the rescue.
On sale June 14th

JLA ANNUAL
#2 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Cover—Patton/Giordano
Writer—Gerry Conway
Artist—Chuck Patton
All the new characters and new JLA headquarters will appear for the first time.
On sale July 19th

LEGION ANNUAL
#3 1984 48 Pages Deluxe format
$2.00 in the U.S.A.
Cover—K. Giffen/L. Mahlstedt
Title—*Mordru is Back!!!*
Writer—Levitz
Artists—Swan/Tanghal
Is Darkseid's curse Mordru's freedom or Saturn Girl's child?
On sale July 5th

BATMAN ANNUAL
#9 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Title—*The Four Faces of Batman*
Writer—M. Barr
Artists—to be determined
4 stories by 4 different artists. Each story is about a different facet of Batman's character: Avenger, the detective, the child, the man.
On sale July 26th

SUPERMAN ANNUAL
#10 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Cover—Barreto
Title—*The Day the Cheering Stopped*
Writer—Maggin
Pencils—Swan
Inks—Anderson
King Kosmos conjures up a sinister scheme to discredit Superman and thereby gain the adulation of his subjects—the people of Earth.

SUPERGIRL MOVIE SPECIAL
48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Adaptation—J. Cavalieri
Artist—G. Morrow
On sale July 5th

DC PRESENTS ANNUAL
#3 1984 48 Pages Mando
$1.25 in the U.S.A.
Title—*With One Magic Word*
Plot—R. Thomas
Dialogue—J. Cavalieri
Artist—G. Kane
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On sale June 21st

STAR TREK MOVIE SPECIAL
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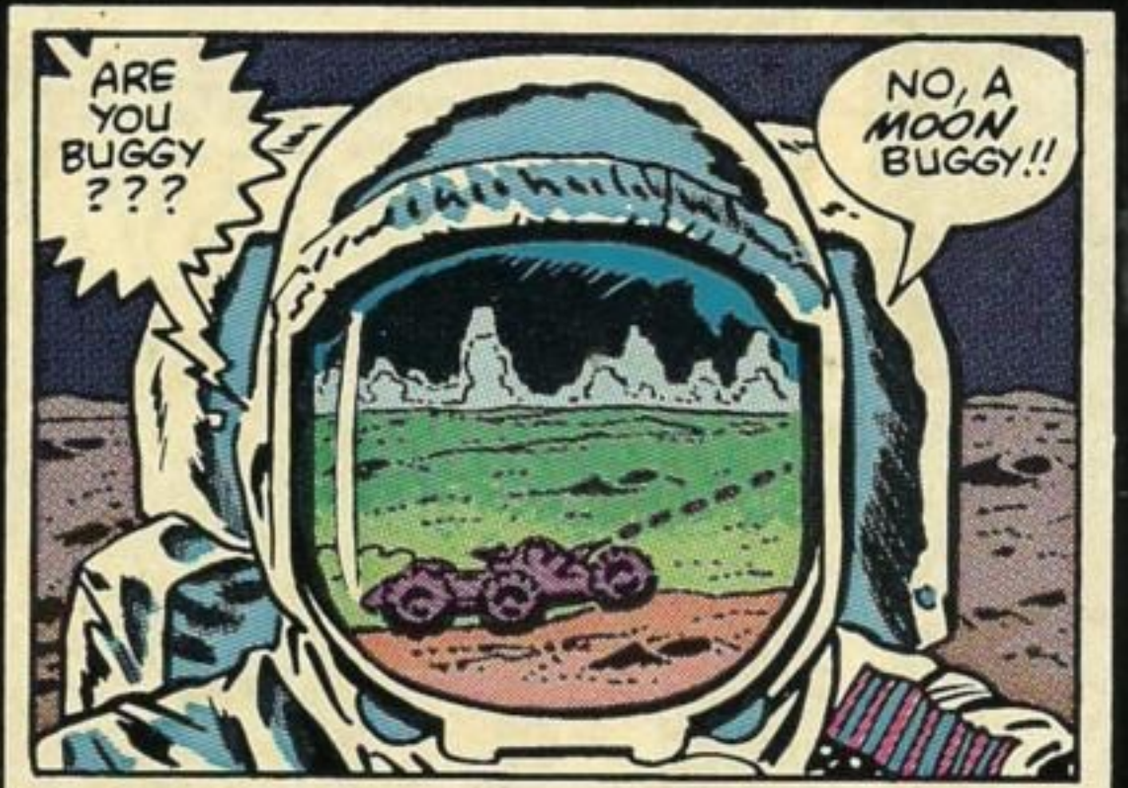

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